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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, EVANSTON-CHICAGO, MAY 17, 18, 1911.

In connection with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Evanston Historical Society, the Chicago Historical Society and the North Central History Teachers' Association, the Illinois State Historical Society held its annual meeting in Evanston and Chicago on May 17th and 18th, 1911. The meetings of the joint associations were held from the 17th to the 20th, but Wednesday and Thursday the 17th and 18th were the days specially devoted to the Illinois State Historical Society.

The first session was held in the rooms of the Evanston Historical Society in the public library building in Evanston, at 2:00 o'clock on the afternoon of the 17th. The address of welcome was delivered by the mayor of Evanston, Hon. Joseph E. Paden. The program as printed was practically carried out.

The annual address was given Wednesday evening, by Col. Clark E. Carr, president of the Society. It was an able and impressive address upon the subject, "Illinois."

The exercises of Thursday were held in the Chicago Historical Society building. The business meeting was held in the morning, at which the reports of officers and committees were heard, and the annual election of officers was held. The officers of the Society were re-elected, except that Hon. Richard Yates was elected third vice president of the Society, and Hon. Andrew Russel, of Jacksonville, was made a member of the board of directors in place of Mr. Yates; and as a director of the Society in the place of Dr. M. H. Chamberlin, who has removed to California, Mr. Walter Colyer, of Albion, was elected.

On Thursday evening at the close of the exercises a most delightful reception was given to all of the assembled associations by the Chicago Historical Society.

The associations are greatly indebted to the citizens of Evanston for many courtesies and delightful entertainment. Particular mention must be made of the mayor and his wife, Hon. and Mrs. Jos. E. Paden, Prof. J. A. James, Mr. H. J. Patten, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes, Mr. J. Seymour Currey, and Miss Mary B. Lindsay, and in Chicago of the untiring courtesy and many kindnesses of the officers of the Chicago Historical Society, President Thos. Dent, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, Miss McIlvaine, Miss Jenkins and many others.

This joint meeting of associations interested in the same line of historical work was a most interesting one and was well attended by representative workers from the states and societies associated. The attendance of persons other than the special workers mentioned was not as large as was desired but the weather was very warm, unusually so for May, and the fact that the meeting was held during the closing days of the General Assembly, before which many bills of interest to members of the Society were pending, furnished good reasons for the absence of many of the usual attendants upon the sessions of the Society. The program is given below:

WEDNESDAY, MAY SEVENTEENTH.

A PROGRAM PRESENTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS.

FIRST SESSION.

2:30 p. m. Evanston Historical Society Rooms. Col. Clark E. Carr, President of the State Historical Society of Illinois, Presiding.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME, Joseph E. Paden, Mayor of Evanston.

PAPER: Thomas Sloo, Jr., A Typical Politician of Early Illinois, Isaac J. Cox, Professor in the University of Cincinnati.

PAPER: The Fordhams and La Serres of the English Settlement in Edwards County, Illinois, Walter Colyer, Albion, Illinois.

PAPER: The Development of State Constitutions, Christopher B. Coleman, Professor in Butler College, Indianapolis.

PAPER: Massachusetts, the Germans, and the Chicago Convention of 1860, Frank I. Herriott, Professor in Drake University, Des Moines.

WEDNESDAY, MAY SEVENTEENTH.

MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SECOND SESSION.

8:00 p. m. Assembly Room in Lunt Library, Northwestern University. Abram W. Harris, President of Northwestern University, Presiding.

ADDRESS: Illinois, Colonel Clark E. Carr.

THURSDAY, MAY EIGHTEENTH.

MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

THIRD SESSION.

10:00 a. m. Chicago Historical Society Building. Clark E. Carr, Presiding.

PAPER: Abraham Lincoln's Early Connection with the Republican Party, I. P. Wharton, Los Angeles, California. Read by J. B. Oakleaf, Moline, Illinois.

PAPER: Life and Labors of William H. Collins, one of the founders of the Illinois Historical Society, Rev. James Robert Smith, Quincy.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the Illinois Historical Society. Reports of Committees and Officers.

THURSDAY, MAY EIGHTEENTH.

MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

FIRST SESSION.

2:30 p. m. Chicago Historical Society Building. Colonel Clark E. Carr, Presiding.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME: Thos. Dent, Chicago Historical Society.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: The Iowa School of Research Historians, Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Iowa City, Iowa; Professor in the State University of Iowa and President of the Association.

PAPER: Robert J. Walker, Imperialist, William E. Dodd, Professor in the University of Chicago.

PAPER: Myths of the American Indians as Material for Supplementary Reading in Our Secondary Schools, Orin G. Libby, Grand Forks, North Dakota; Professor in the State University of North Dakota.

PAPER: Some Notes on the Fort Dearborn Massacre, M. N. Quaife, Chicago; Professor in Lewis Institute.

PAPER: Some Materials for the Social History of the Mississippi Valley During the Nineteenth Century, Solon J. Buck, Urbana, Illinois; Research Assistant in the University of Illinois.

THURSDAY, MAY EIGHTEENTH.

MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

SECOND SESSION.

8:00 p. m. Chicago Historical Society Building. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Presiding.

ADDRESS: Old Steamboat Days on the Mississippi River, Illustrated, George B. Merrick, Madison, Wisconsin.

At the close of the address an informal reception was given to the members of the various associations by the Chicago Historical Society.

FRIDAY, MAY NINETEENTH.

MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

THIRD SESSION.

10:30 a. m. Rooms of the Evanston Historical Society.

PAPER: The Mississippi Valley and Internal Improvements, 1825-1840, R. B. Way, Bloomington, Indiana; Professor in the University of Indiana.

PAPER: A Comparison of Some of the Source Material on Braddock's Campaign, Archer B. Hulbert, Marietta, Ohio; Professor in Marietta College and President of the Ohio Valley Historical Association.

PAPER: The Early Harbor History of Wisconsin, A. G. Plumb, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

PAPER: Were the Outagami of Iroquois Stock? N. H. Winchell, St. Paul, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

12:30 p. m. LUNCHEON Tendered to the members of the Associations by Mayor and Mrs. Joseph E. Paden at the Evanston Club, Grove Street and Chicago Avenue.

FRIDAY, MAY NINETEENTH.

MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH SESSION.

3:00 p. m. Evanston Historical Society Rooms. J. Seymour Currey, President of the Evanston Historical Society, Presiding.

PAPER: Personal Recollections of the Civil War, Mrs. R. A. Stewart. Evanston. Mrs. Stewart served as a nurse under the Christian Commission.

3:30 p. m. A CONFERENCE of Mississippi Valley Historical Societies, Edgar R. Harlan of Des Moines, Presiding. Brief statements on the activities of the various societies will be presented.

5:00 p. m. RECEPTION tendered to members of the Associations by Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes, at their home, Greenwood Boulevard and Sheridan Road.

FRIDAY, MAY NINETEENTH.

MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

FIFTH SESSION.

8:15 p. m. Assembly Room in Lunt Library, Northwestern University. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Presiding.

ADDRESS: Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas as Lawyers. Orrin N. Carter, Evanston, Associate Jurtice of the Illinois State Supreme Court.

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTIETH.

JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL HISTORY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

10:30 a. m. Lecture Room, First Floor, Swift Hall of Engineering, Northwestern University. James A. Woodburn, Professor in the University of Indiana and President of the North Central Teachers Association, Presiding.

PAPER: High School Texts and Equipment in History, Addison L. Fulwider, Principal of the Freeport High School.

DISCUSSION: Josephine Cox, Teacher of History, Indianapolis High School.

PAPER: What Should a High School Course in Civil Government Comprise? William C. Lynch, Associate Professor of History, Terre Haute, Indiana, State Normal School.

DISCUSSION: Carl F. Geiser, Professor of Political Science, Oberlin College.

PAPER: Preparation for the High School Teacher of History, Norman M. Trenholme, Professor of History, University of Missouri.

GENERAL DISCUSSION.

REPORT on the practical working of the recommendations of the Committee of Eight, J. A. James, Professor of History, Northwestern University.